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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: July 29, 1999
Meeting Time: 10:00 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, Room 233
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 1

Members Present: Sen. Patricia Miller, Chair; Sen. James Lewis.

Member Absent: Rep. Charlie Brown, Rep. Jeffrey Linder.

Sen. Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She indicated that because of the lack of a quorum, no official action would be taken at the meeting. She introduced Kathryn Azhar for purposes of a brief statement concerning child care.

Kathryn Azhar, President of Home Care Support, Inc., and Infant Day Care, Inc.

Ms. Azhar addressed the subcommittee with respect to her concern that private corporations that provide child care in public schools do not have a child care license and that these corporations have an advantage over licensed child care entities. Ms. Azhar provided a copy of a handout which had been prepared for the July 22, 1999 Legislative Council meeting to members of the Subcommittee.¹

Review of Suggested Topics for 2000.

Sen. Miller asked Jim Mundt, Legislative Services Agency, to review the items suggested by legislators for consideration to be evaluated in the year 2000. Mr. Mundt stated that the statutorily suggested topics for the year 2000 are agencies and programs with corrections or judicial matters as their major function. These topics are not mandatory. He also indicated that the Subcommittee can recommend, and the Legislative Council can adopt, any issue for the year 2000.

1) Rep. Ben GiaQuinta suggested the study of the impact of driving tests on citizens aged 75 and older. Mr. Mundt suggested that, if the Subcommittee chose to examine this issue, the scope be expanded to include driving test requirements for all ages.

¹ Copies of the handout are on file in the Legislative Information Center, Room 230 of the State House, Indianapolis, Indiana. The telephone number of the Legislative Information Center is (317) 232-9856, and the mailing address is 200 W. Washington St., Suite 301, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2789.

2) Sen. Sue Landske requested: (a) An evaluation which would monitor the Community Corrections Transition Program. Mr. Mundt distributed a fact sheet provided by the Department of Correction.² He also stated that he believed this issue would be appropriate for program evaluation.

(b) A study of the relationship of the Community College program to I.U. and P.U. Mr. Mundt distributed a copy of the language found in HEA 1001-1999 which creates the Community College System.³ Members of the subcommittee discussed the fact that the effective date of that law is July 1, 2000 and that it would be premature to study this issue.

3) Rep. Craig Fry suggested that all insurance issues be directed to one central committee. Subcommittee discussion indicated that this issue would be more appropriate for the legislative process.

4) Rep. Brent Steele suggested that a method be established to formulate a uniform way to equitably distribute BIF monies. Subcommittee discussion indicated that this issue would be more appropriate for the legislative and budget preparation process.

5) Sen. Glenn Howard submitted his suggestion to establish a State Mandates Oversight Committee (SB 675-99). Subcommittee discussion indicated that this issue would be more appropriate for the legislative process.

6) Rep. Mary Kay Budak requested: (a) A study of pay and safety issues for Corrections officers. Mr. Mundt stated that these two issues would be typical program evaluation topics.

(b) Study statutory rape (HB 1049-98).⁴ Subcommittee discussion indicated that this issue would be more appropriate for the legislative process.

After additional Subcommittee discussion, Sen. Miller instructed Mr. Mundt to communicate to the absent members of the Subcommittee that the driver license issue and the issues related to corrections appear to be the most appropriate. She indicated that the Subcommittee would meet on September 2, 1999 at 1:00 P.M. to consider these and any other suggestions received by that time.

The Subcommittee will also hear a presentation by the Legislative Services Agency relating to the topic assigned for 1999: The Impact of the ISTEP+ Graduation Qualifying Exam on Students with Learning Disabilities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

² A copy of the Fact Sheet is on file in the Legislative Information Center. (See footnote 1).

³ A copy of the statutory language is on file in the Legislative Information Center. (See footnote 1).

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